

Meeting Minutes

Present: Andy Piacsek (chair), Josh Welsh, Wendy Cook, Teneccia Dacass, Melody Madlem, Eric Foch.

Absent: Bob Hickey, Taralynn Petrites.

Ex Officio: Cody Stoddard (ADCO), Jason Knirck (Provost's Office), Rose Spodobalski-Brower (Registrar), Julia Stringfellow (EC and note taker).

1. Meeting called to order at 3:10pm
2. No Changes to agenda
3. Approval of January 26 meeting minutes

Approved. Melody made motion, Wendy seconded.

4. Chair report

- Departmental Honors: our draft policy was discussed this morning at ADCO. This will be on our agenda for next time.
- Andy met with Lucha Ortega and Gail Mackin to discuss the Disruptive Behaviors policy (charge 4). It was pointed out that much of our policy/procedure (approved by FS in 2021, but sent back by Provost Council) duplicates Student Conduct Code - WAC 106-125. They (and Joey Bryant) will attend our meeting on 2/23.

5. Old Business

- Charge 6: Review recommended language from the Gen Ed Committee regarding transfer students and Gen Ed requirements when university closures occur and students are in need of immediate transfer. GEC chair Maura Valentino will visit this meeting.

Discussion

- Does policy apply to all NWCCU accredited schools? Yes.
- Transfer Center does not issue transcripts, only Registrar's Office can do that.
- Should we invite Transfer Center Director Megan McConnell to next AAC meeting to discuss this?
- Need for faculty to lead the talk on policy changes like this.
- Petition process for transfer students coming in. A secondary process is needed for transfer students accepted during summer when faculty are off contract and GEC does not meet.
- Situations that are not covered in 1A-E delegated to GEC in compliance with their policies and procedures.

- When GEC not available to meet, EC is authorized to make changes.
- If a student is accepted to the university, then CWU will look at their transfer credits.
- Gen Ed credits are only accepted from accredited programs, not for-profits.
- Andy tabled this for future discussion by committee.

6. New Business

- New and revised policy that defines the proposed new AA degree, developed in conjunction with Curriculum Committee. Draft language provided by Dean Kaykayoglu.
 - Timeline: ASAP. Goal is for Board of Trustees (BOT) to vote on new degree by June meeting.
 - Ediz Kaykayoglu is visiting this meeting to provide context and answer questions.

Discussion

- Committee reviewing CWUP 5-50-010 Jurisdiction for Curriculum Matters specific wording for AA degree program.
- This degree is not a done deal according to Ediz.
- Do we want AA that also has DTA? Rose said no for now.
- AAC is only tasked to work on definition wording for AA degree for now.
- AA degree will have Advising.
- Cody recommendation: Policy should say “these are baseline requirements for an AA degree.”
- Where is this degree program going to be housed? It will be housed in Undergraduate Studies.
- Proposed policy refers to “programs” that will offer the AA degree. Ediz: This policy is a shell for general AA degree that will lead to specific AA programs. Unclear what sort of programs are eligible. Will it be like a BA degree that can be offered within any department? Can the “free electives come from any department?”
- Melody made motion to approve definition alone. Edits then entertained. Question regarding maximum of 90 credits.
- The proposed language does not seem to match the goal of the AA degree. Too many questions about this new program to have a vote on policy.
- Why are we reviewing this when the degree has not been officially approved? Draft of AA degree is currently in Curriculog and can be viewed.
- Melody withdrew her motion. Suggestion made that this be tabled until members of the AA Task Force can meet with AAC.
- It was noted that Bob had suggested at a prior meeting that AAC request data on how this degree will help retention; Andy had volunteered to make the request but didn’t follow

through. Request made again to see this data and the rationale for this degree. Ediz said he would provide that.

- Melody made motion to table. Josh seconded. 6 voted in favor.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2023